

Monday 16th March 2020

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## KEY DATES

**Tuesday 17th March**

Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews

**Wednesday 18th March**

**Thursday 19th March**

**Friday 20th March**

**Monday 23rd March**

Social Emotional and Wellbeing reports sent home

**Tuesday 24th March**

**Wednesday 25th March**

**Thursday 26th March**

**Friday 27th March**

End of term 1  
9.00am Final Assembly  
2.30pm Final Dismissal

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED**  
The new date will be  
**WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST**

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**STUDENT BANKING WILL BE  
CANCELLED TILL  
FURTHER  
NOTICE**

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**PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER  
REGARDING IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION re COVID-19**



**At his stage  
SCHOOL will  
start back for  
TERM 2 on  
Tuesday 14th  
April**

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# Ms. D's Diary



## Good afternoon and welcome to Week 8.

The focus of this newsletter is on COVID – 19 and to ensure all of our students and staff are protected whilst supporting the broader efforts to slow the spread of this virus.

For this reason from today several measures have been put into place at Westmeadows Primary School :

- School Assemblies will now be held over the PA. We ask that parents do not go into classrooms or congregate in the staffroom during this time.
- Our Classroom Parent Helpers' Program is now postponed.
- Our Canteen Helpers are still required.
- We ask that where possible students are dropped and collected from school outside the gates eg: two minute zones, pre-arranged drop off/pick up zones.
- Parents are not to enter classrooms. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please email them directly via Freshgrade.
- Incursions and excursions have been cancelled and will be rescheduled. This includes Fire Brigade visit and Healthy Active Day
- School photos will be cancelled on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 as many families have chosen to self-isolate. We are predicting that there will be too many students absent.
- If classroom teachers are absent, where possible the students will have a grade split to ensure exposure to 'outside others'.
- Education Support placements and Work Experience will be cancelled.
- Interschool Sport has been cancelled.
- Please note that our Foundation Parent/Teacher Interviews will go ahead as scheduled on 16/3/2020 and 17/3/2020.
- School Council will go ahead as planned on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm
- Children will be washing their hands regularly throughout the day (with soap) at their classroom sink.

## Does your child need to come to school?

At the time of writing this newsletter the most recent advice is - Staff and students arriving into Australia from overseas after midnight Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

Parents, friends and any other relatives also returning from overseas must self-isolate for 14 days. They must not visit the school to pick up children or for any other reason.

Daniel Andrews announced at yesterday's press conference that parents would not face consequences if they decided to self-isolate and keep their children at home from school. If you are in a position to do this and follow this option I would ask that **you report your child's absence to school every day and tag it as self isolation.**

## **"It's a matter of when, not if"** (that schools will be closed) – Daniel Andrews

*Our teachers are now preparing to deliver learning to students at home in the likelihood of our school being closed. Attached to this newsletter is a form that I would ask is completed and returned to school by Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. This will help us to ready our students and families.*



## How will we communicate with you?

As soon as information is sent to the school by the Department Of Education we will send this onto parents via the school bag app.

Please make sure you have the Skoolbag app loaded onto your mobile device so you can stay well informed of the decisions being made.

Instructions for downloading Skoolbag app: Please refer to attachment

## Talking to Your Children About CoronaVirus

At Westmeadows Primary School teachers will not be talking about COVID-19 with our students. We respect that our parents have chosen to communicate to their children in many different ways. Please find below a link to a short clip that has been put together by child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Greig to support parents in how to discuss the pandemic with their children.

[https://schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus](https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus)

Jane Donaldson

Principal

## For iPhone and iPad Users:



1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type Westmeadows in the search.
3. You will see Westmeadows appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

## For Android Users:



**You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.**

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Westmeadows
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.**

## For Windows 8.1 Phones and Windows 8.1 or 10 Device Users:



1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find Westmeadows either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.**

## STUDENT BANKING

Student banking has been cancelled till further notice.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

**Wednesday 18th March**

Jaime Isho

**Friday 20th March**

Mandy betros & Maree Daly

**Monday 23rd March**

Rachel Pardo

**Wednesday 25th March**

Sue Tucker

**Friday 27th March**

Camille Rodgers & Ami Smith

**Monday 16th March**

Cass Wilson

### TERM 2

**Wednesday 15th April**

Michelle Gossip, Sue Tucker & Viviana Braschler

## WPS 5 WINNERS

**Onni P**

Honesty & Responsibility

**Georgia M**

Honesty

**Johanna E**

Co-operation & Responsibility

Canteen Duty Times  
have been sent home  
today.

Please check your  
child's bag if you help  
in the Canteen.

## Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2019/2020  
School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at

[www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au](http://www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au).

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## **Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and parents to attend our Open Day on Monday 20th April 2020**

Information Sessions followed by tours of the College will be held at the following times:

Morning: 9.00am – 10.30am

Evening: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Parents and children only need to attend one session. There is no need to register attendance.

### **APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN: YEAR 7 SEAL PROGRAM 2021**

The SEAL Program provides differentiated teaching and learning that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The Program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend, and develop the gifts of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. SEAL students will study faster paced curriculum and have the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research. The SEAL program is suited to students who are capable of studying curriculum at a faster pace, have a strong passion for learning, are capable of working independently, enjoy intellectual challenges and have superior problem solving abilities.

Visit the College website for further information and to apply for the SEAL program:

[www.pvgc.vic.edu.au](http://www.pvgc.vic.edu.au)

If you are unable to attend our Open Day sessions, the College also conducts tours with the Principal or an Assistant Principal throughout the year. Bookings can be made by contacting the College on 9306 2544 or online through the College website at [www.pvgc.vic.edu.au](http://www.pvgc.vic.edu.au)



# TheirCare

Newsletter Week 8 2020

Date: 16/03/2020

Over the last few weeks at OSHC we have been learning about ways to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle and ways we can change the world with our hands. We also experimented with learning about our bodies during human body week.

Bookings are now open for Holiday Program. Some highlights are Rocking Climbing, Movie Day, Day out to Docklands and making your own backpack.

### Last Minute Bookings

If you require to book in last minute, please do let us know at your earliest convenience. If your last minute booking is for After School Care, you are required to contact the school office and contact us on 0447 545 772. This ensures the children arrive here safely, we can staff adequately and ensure there are enough resources and afternoon tea.

If anyone has any feedback our suggestions for activities, themes or food ideas, please do let us know, we strongly encourage family's feedback.



### Booking your child into the program in 3 simple steps.

1:

Create an account through [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au). Bookings and cancellations can be managed through your account.

2:

Provide CRN Centrelink details, any medical conditions and contact details.

3:

Select booking dates through your calendar. Causal bookings and regular bookings available. Bookings made within 48 hours / changes to bookings will occur a small fee.

For any emergencies or questions please contact: 0447 545 772



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